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1. APPROACHES & ENTRANCE: Approach and entrance data and pertinent port and harbor information, as found on existing charts and in H. O. publications, appears to be accurate. However, the harbor seems to be in some danger of being washed out because of the erosion of the sand spit which forms the harbor. Attempts are being made to control this erosion, but little progress has been made to date.
2. PILOTAGE: Pilot service was established late in 1952. The one pilot available will bring vessels alongside the pier but is new at it and must be watched. He appears to be careful and when fully trained should be satisfactory.
3. DOCKING FACILITIES: There is one large pier at the southeastern end of the harbor which provides berths alongside for five ocean-going vessels. Depth alongside is 30 feet at low water. The pier surface is finally being paved after several years of delay; reportedly local authorities have been waiting for the dirt fill to settle. The pier area is almost always congested with undelivered cargo as port charges are less here than elsewhere on the coast.
4. LABOR: Labor is all native with supervision by Portuguese and half-caste foremen. Cranes and other machinery are handled by the Portuguese. The labor supply is considered to be adequate under normal circumstances and will work day or night, as is necessary.
5. WAREHOUSES: Seven new warehouses have been erected since 1947 and two others are under construction. These buildings all appear to be well constructed, are approximately 200 feet by 300 feet, and have a capacity of about 50,000 square feet each. A good portion of the dock area is now covered with these buildings.
6. TUGS AND LIGHTERS: There are two American-built tugs in attendance. They appear to be in good condition but, by US standards, they are not handled very efficiently by their Captains. Lighters are available in adequate numbers for present shipping conditions.

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